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SUBJECT: LTDP PART OF SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE: SECOND REVISE

REF: (A) USNATO 5241 (DTG 241204Z MAY 78), (B)  
USNATO 5246 (DTG 241301Z MAY 78)

1. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARA 2 THE REVISED TEXT FOR THE  
LTDP PART OF THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH EMERGED  
FROM THE MAY 25 DRAFTING GROUP DISCUSSION. THE ONLY  
BRACKETED TEXT REMAINING IS THE TURKISH LANGUAGE,  
QUALIFYING THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE LTDP, IN PARA 4.  
WE WILL REPORT DRAFTING GROUP DISCUSSIONS SEPTTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF LTDP PART OF SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE:  
DRAFT PART OF COMMUNIQUE AT THE SUMMIT DEALING WITH  
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### THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME

1. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY OF LONG-TERM  
TRENDS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING  
WESTERN SECURITY, LEADERS OF STATES TAKING PART IN THE  
INTEGRATED DEFENCE STRUCTURE OF THE ALLIANCE CONSIDERED A  
REPORT ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME PREPARED BY THEIR

DEFENCE MINISTERS, WHICH HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED AT THE LONDON SUMMIT MEETING IN MAY 1977.

. 2. THEY NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT EMPHASIS WAS PLACED IN THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME ON GREATER CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS AND ON THE NEED FOR NATO CO-ORDINATED DEFENCE PLANNING TO BE PROJECTED INTO THE LONGER TERM. THE LEADERS OF THESE STATES ENDORSED SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES APPROVED BY DEFENCE MINISTERS TO IMPROVE THE READINESS OF NATO'S FORCES, AND THE MOBILIZATION OF RESERVES, TO STRENGTHEN NATO'S AIR DEFENCES, TO COUNTER THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE THREAT, TO ENHANCE NATO'S MARITIME POSTURE, TO PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVE LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR ALL NATO FORCES, AND TO IMPROVE NATO'S COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS. THEY APPROVED PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO ACCELERATE THE MOVEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT REINFORCEMENTS TO THE FORWARD AREAS IN A TIME OF CRISIS, CALLING FOR THE COMMITMENT OF CIVIL AIR, SEA, LAND AND NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES; AND THEY WELCOMED IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED STATES INTENTION TO PREPOSITION HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR THREE ADDITIONAL UNITED STATES DIVISIONS IN THE CENTRAL REGION OF ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE BY 1982, RECOGNISING THE NEED FOR EUROPEAN ALLIES TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT AND OTHER FACILITIES. THEY ALSO WELCOMED THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP TOWARDS MEETING NEEDS FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF

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THEATRE NUCLEAR FORCES.

. 3. THESE ALLIED LEADERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT ALMOST ALL COUNTRIES HAD INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO ADJUST THEIR FINANCIAL PLANS FOR DEFENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AIM, ESTABLISHED IN THE 1977 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, OF AN ANNUAL INCREASE IN DEFENCE EXPENDITURE IN THE REGION OF 3 PERCENT IN REAL TERMS. THEY ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING THE MOST EFFECTIVE RETURN FROM RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE OR PLANNED FOR DEFENCE, BY THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A GREATER DEGREE OF CO-OPERATION AND RATIONALIZATION; THEY WELCOMED THE EMPHASIS PLACED IN THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME ON THIS OBJECTIVE.

. 4. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME, AS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ADAPTING NATO'S FORCES TO THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE 1980S. THEY CALLED FOR VIGOROUS FOLLOW-THROUGH ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND AT NATO AND INTERNATIONAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS. BEGIN BRACKETS IN THIS CONNECTION TURKEY PREFERRED TO WITHHOLD HER VIEWS ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME AS A WHOLE, PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE INITIATIVES REGARDING THE COMPLETE

REMOVAL OF EXISTING RESTRICTIONS ON THE PROCUREMENT OF  
DEFENCE EQUIPMENT BY TURKEY; AS WELL AS CLARIFICATION  
OF THE READINESS OF HER ALLIES IN CONTRIBUTING TO  
TURKEY'S EFFORTS FOR COMMON DEFENCE. END BRACKETS.

. 5. IN TAKING THESE DECISIONS, THESE ALLIED LEADERS  
CONCLUDED THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF EQUITABLE ARMS CONTROL  
AND DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS, A SATISFACTORY BALANCE IN  
STRATEGIC, THEATRE NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL TERMS COULD  
ONLY BE ASSURED BY GREATER EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE AND

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